

TO INVESTIGATE THE COAL TRUST

COMMERCE COMMISSION DECIDES
TO ACT WHEN IT HEARS OF
HIGH ANTHRACITE PRICES.

200 RAILROADS ARE INVOLVED

Officials Who Have Been Charged in
Complaints of Violation of Hep-
burn Act Will Be Summoned
Before Inquirers.

Washington, D. C.—Arrangements to proceed forthwith with its investigation into the coal trust have just been perfected by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Hearings will be begun in a few days and nearly 200 railroads, including the New Haven, which have been charged in complaints of violation of the Hepburn act will be summoned before the commission to testify.

It is the purpose of the commission to learn the exact responsibility of the coal carrying railroads for the present prices of anthracite in New York. When information reached the commission that stove and furnace coal costing \$2.25 at the mine was sold in New York at \$7.50 a ton it decided that it was high time to act.

A member of the Interstate Commerce Commission furnished the I. N. S. the order promulgated by the commission, which shows exactly what is the purpose of the present inquiry. It follows:

"That said inquiry shall ascertain whether the coal is mined or produced by or under the authority of common carriers engaged in the transportation thereof or whether common carriers own in whole or in part any mine or mines producing anthracite coal which they transport, or whether common carriers are directly or indirectly interested in any mine or mines producing anthracite coal which they transport.

"That this proceeding and inquiry be conducted with a view to the insurance of an order or orders requiring such respondents to cease and desist from charging, demanding, collecting or receiving rates and charges for and from enforcing their practices, rules and regulations governing the transportation of anthracite coal from points of origin herein named to destinations herein referred, in so far as the same may be found to be unlawful and requiring such respondents to substitute and thereafter to put in force and effect such rates, rules, practices and regulations relative to the transportation of anthracite coal as aforesaid as may be found just and reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, including such joint and proportional rates as in the opinion of the commission should be established from points of origin to the various destinations referred to."

MUST HAVE A BIGGER NAVY

Secretary Meyer Says We Need Forty-
One Battleships and Proportional
Number of Other Vessels.

Washington, D. C.—The annual report of Secretary of the Navy George Von L. Meyer, just made public, suggests extensive changes in the administration of the navy department; reports the efficiency of Uncle Sam's battleships to be higher than that maintained last year, and recommends a provision for the building of four battleships, two cruisers, 16 torpedo boat destroyers, and a number of auxiliary vessels, by the present session of congress.

Secretary Meyer states that the augmentation of the present naval force is a necessity to the perpetuation of the peaceful relations of the United States with the powers of the world. The report states that a total of 41 battleships, with a proportional number of other fighting and auxiliary vessels, is necessary to place this country on a safe basis in its relations with the other world powers.

CHILD LABOR IN TENEMENTS

Awful Conditions Are Revealed by
Young Toilers Who Are Forced to
Earn Living.

New York City.—Revelations of child labor in the tenements—labor that not only brings early death to the workers, but sends the peril of disease throughout the city—held an astonished audience frightened and fascinated in the Hall of Records here. It was a hearing by the New York state factory investigation commission of evidences concerning the "out work," or work done at home by women and children. Many of the women in the audience were in tears when little girls of six and seven and worn invalid women took the stand to tell of the torturing hours of work and the pitiful pittance of pay.

Boy Confesses Slaying Hermit.
San Francisco, Cal.—A boy confessed the murder of a hermit, according to Capt. C. A. Gove, commandant of the naval training station.

John Wesley Derr, 18, the captain says, admitted that about three years ago he killed Billy Barkis, near Atchison, Kan., and shot and wounded Charles Marvin while escaping. Derr enlisted in Denver as a naval apprentice. Derr served a brief sentence at Atchison for wounding Marvin, because, he said, Marvin had made slighting remarks about his mother.

COMMANDER BULLARD



Commander W. H. G. Bullard is the new chief of the navy department's radiotelegraphy office, in charge of all the wireless stations of that department. The office was established by Secretary Meyer because of the proportions to which the wireless service has grown.

BIGGEST OF ALL CROPS

THAT OF 1912 WORTH \$9,532,000,000, SAYS MR. WILSON.

Interesting Facts and Figures That
Are Found in Annual Report of
Secretary of Agriculture.

Washington, D. C.—The most productive year in the history of the United States has drawn to a close, according to the annual report of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to the president, just made public. Basing his figures on the census items of wealth production on farms, Secretary Wilson values the grand total of the 1912 crop at \$9,532,000,000. Besides the production of the soil, this amount includes the live stock output. In commenting on the productiveness of the past year in relation to those preceding, Secretary Wilson said:

"The enormous sum represented by the crop output of the United States for 1912 is more than twice the value of the wealth produced on farms in 1899, according to the census, and it is about one-eighth more than the wealth produced in 1909. During the past 16 years the farmer has steadily increased his wealth production year by year, with the exception of 1911, when the value declined from that of the preceding year."

The report of the secretary was one of the most bulky ever submitted by the department of agriculture. It occupied 259 pages and contained about 200,000 words. Most of this space was devoted to a lengthy review of the technical work of the department, covering such subjects as the epidemic of disease among cattle, the campaign of the department against insects injurious to crops, reports on soils, and a detailed statement of the operations of the weather bureau.

In addition to information of this nature, Secretary Wilson included a crop statement which showed that the corn yield held the lead. The estimated value of this product was \$1,750,000,000. The yield reached the high water mark of 3,169,000,000 bushels. Hay was given second place in the estimated figures. The yield was 72,425,000 tons, which was held to be worth \$861,000,000.

The wheat yield, as estimated by the department, will be worth to the farmer \$595,000,000. Oats were placed as the fifth crop in order, the value being estimated at \$478,000,000. The value of the potato crop was placed at \$190,000,000; the barley crop at \$125,000,000, and tobacco at \$97,000,000. The value of the 1912 flaxseed, rye, rice, buckwheat and hops crops were set at \$39,000,000, \$24,000,000, \$20,000,000, \$12,000,000 and \$11,000,000 respectively. The production of sugar from the beet was set at 700,000 tons.

Farm prices at which the crops of 1912 are valued have declined from the prices of 1911 in the cases of some important products. Barley has declined 36 per cent, corn 10 per cent, wheat 5 1/2 per cent, hay 19 per cent, potatoes 43 per cent, hops 43 per cent, flaxseed 27 per cent and beet sugar and cane sugar about 22 per cent. The price of the cotton crop of 1912 has gained about 13 per cent and for the tobacco crop 7 1/2 per cent. Butter has increased 11 per cent and milk nearly 5 per cent. Eggs have gained 16 per cent and poultry about 1 per cent.

Bull Moders Spent \$665,000.
Washington, D. C.—Exclusive of the preconviction expenses, the Progressives spent \$665,000 during the recent campaign, according to statements filed with the clerk of the house by the Bull Moose national treasurer. The party owed \$5,715 on Nov. 30. The total contributions amounted to \$676,727.73. Among those who helped swell the campaign toward the last were Frank A. Munsey, Thomas A. Edison, Thomas G. Plant, of Boston; Robert Bacon, G. G. Vanderbilt, George Porter, of Illinois.

POEM HITS KAISER AND VON MOLTKE

VERSES WRITTEN BY UNITED
STATES ARMY MAN MAY BRING
FORTH REPRIMAND.

FUN MADE OF THE TWO MEN

Insinuation of the Lines Is That the
Turks Were Beaten Because They
Followed Advice of German
Military Experts.

Washington, D. C.—One of the members of the German embassy staff indicated that the embassy regards as "impertinent" a poem by Capt. George Steunenberg, U. S. A., published in the Army and Navy Journal in which fun is made of the German emperor and Von Moltke. The insinuation of the verses is that the Turks were beaten because they followed the advice of German military experts.

Tells of Unwritten Law.

It is intimated that while no action has been taken yet the poem will be referred to the state department by the embassy for the former's consideration. It will then be the duty of the state department to refer the complaint to the war department if the state department regards the verses as malicious and impertinent. One of the members of the general army staff said that there is an unwritten law that army and navy officers and in fact all officials of one government shall not appear publicly in the attitude of criticizing another power or its people or officers.

The Steunenberg poem is as follows: (The fighting in Macedonia is a sore subject with Germany. The Turkish army was trained and its officers educated under the German military system.—Literary Digest.)

Oh, hark ye, Yankee soldiers, from far across the sea
Come to the news that Turkey's fighting men
Were trained by German hands
That she faced the Bull-con allies single-handed and alone
With a simple faith in Allah and our deified Von Rhone.

And they say that on the morning that the mighty battle broke,
That German tutored army vanished in a whirl of smoke.
That their swords were all unsullied and their guns were all forgot,
As they sought the dim horizon in a hasty Turkey trot!

A Montenegrin major gave the flying foe a glance
Then rolled a cigarette and scratched a match upon his pants;
And spake unto his gunners, "Let 'em have a few more jolts—
That if you shells can catch 'em—they've been trained by Von Der Goltz!"

A colonel of Bulgarians then tossed aside his coat
And yelled, "Come on, me hearties! Looks as if we had their goat!
Just follow Uncle Fuller to yon battle's merry whirl
While we show 'em how to do it—they've been reading Gripenkerl!"

And from Constantinople the hosts of Allah sped
And the only ones that halted were the ones that stopped the lead;
Quoth a Serbian lieutenant then, "'Tis evident to me
That yon army has been studying the books of Von Molt-Kee."

Said a panting Turkish corporal—from a glance
The news that Turkey's fighting men we ain't much on formation, but we sure are h— on speed!
So they sprinted night and morning 'til their lungs were fit to burst,
But they won the six day Marathon—they reached the city first!

A tale that points a moral. 'Most anyone can see
That it's time to disregard the ways of Jackson, Grant and Lee;
For the sacred Scripture tells us: "Ye shall know them by their works!"
So we lift our hats to Von Der Goltz, the man who trained the Turks!

And now while Europe trembles on the verge of deadly fray,
The dove of peace is cooling in the good old U. S. A.
For, you bet, the foreign powers will leave Uncle Sam alone
While our highbrows down at Leavenworth are studying Von Rhone!

And while the German eagle soars above the Balkan storm,
It strikes us a fitting time to change the uniform;
Let's get one of those shiny things they wear across the breast,
And add a gleaming helmet with an eagle on the crest.

And down at Sunny Leavenworth let Dutch professors rule;
And build a model brewery, an annex to the school—
A marble bust of Von Der Goltz resplendent in the hall
And photographs of Kaiser Bill adorning every wall.

And he who seeks promotion must subsist on pretzels, cheese, and wienersurst, and good old German beer;
And notify the colonels, sound the warning near and far!
That they've got to sing "Die Wacht am Rhein" before they get the star.

Then here's luck to the Fatherland—let's follow in her train,
And all take up the goose step when we march to war again;
Our motto, "Made in Germany, triumph over fear!"
Our slogan, "Hoch Der Kaiser!" and the countereign "Zwei beer!"

Scores Anti-Canteen Laws.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson in his annual report holds the anti-canteen legislation responsible for moral conditions "which make the record of our army in this respect shameful beyond that of any civilized nation."

In charging the anti-liquors regulations breed much vice in the army the secretary says he speaks with authority because of a personal inspection of 49 of the mobile army posts. He reports finding the military reservations adjoined by vile resorts.

COUNT BERCHTOLD



Count Berchtold, the Austrian foreign minister, is one of the commanding figures of Europe during the settlement of the Balkan war and the disposition of the territory of Turkey in Europe.

ENGLAND FILES PROTEST

OFFICIALLY OBJECTS TO REBATE
OF PANAMA TOLL TO U. S. SHIPS

Sir Edward Grey Holds Principle Is
in Violation of Two Treaties and
Takes Issue With Taft.

Washington, D. C.—The protest of Great Britain against the principle of free tolls for American ships in an American canal has just been filed officially with Secretary Knox and simultaneously in the British parliament, the main points in the protest being that such free tolls are a clear violation of the Clayton-Bulwer and Hay-Pauncefote treaties. The case of Great Britain was prepared by Sir Edward Grey, minister of foreign affairs, and was communicated to Secretary Knox by Mr. James Bryce, the British ambassador, accompanied by the counsellor of the British embassy, Mr. Mitchell Innes. The objections set forth by Sir Edward Grey are only an amplification of the short note of Counsellor Innes, which was presented July 6 of this year prior to the passage of the Panama canal act.

Summarized, this government is from now on officially engaged on the solution of two questions arising out of the protest:

First—Whether it presents an arbitration question.
Second—Whether the United States will submit the matter to arbitration.

There is good warrant for the state department will hold that there is no arbitrable question involved, no matter what may be the position taken by the president.

As a matter of fact, no matter what the executive departments may do there can be no submission to Great Britain without the consent of the senate.

It is predicted here freely that there can be no arbitration of the question raised by Sir Edward Grey for these reasons:

First—The issue of free tolls is one of the internal affairs of the United States concerning solely the domestic policy of the United States.

Second—It is a question of national honor and vital interest.

Third—There is no treaty between the United States and Great Britain which obliged the United States to arbitrate a question of national honor or of vital internal interests.

The duty of the state department and the president, as stated by the highest officials, is that the protest of Sir Edward Grey be given distinct consideration and an answer be made. England's Argument Answered.

The argument of Sir Edward Grey has been answered heretofore many times. He contends that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is, for his purpose at least, predicated on the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and that it was the intention and spirit of that treaty to give "equal rights" to all nations. Sir Edward Grey further contends that there was no surrender of that principle in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. He takes direct issue with President Taft when he asserts that the president is wrong in holding that the terms used in the treaty, "all nations," do not apply to the United States. He maintains that "equal rights" under the treaties were positively violated when the United States exempted American coastwise shipping from payment of tolls.

Robbers Get \$20,000 in Gold.

Bakersfield, Cal.—Bold robbers broke into the express car of Santa Fe train No. 64 that runs between Bakersfield and Taft, beat the messenger into insensibility and escaped with \$20,000 in gold coin. The money was consigned to the First National bank of Taft by the First National bank of Bakersfield. It was not placed in the express safe. When the train arrived at Taft railroad men were forced to break down the door of the express car. In a corner was M. W. Hamby, the express messenger.

Buckeye Notes

Columbus.—A secret parole was granted John Trosky, aged 12, otherwise John Brown, whose mother charged that he was in a critical condition as the result of a severe whipping he received at the hands of authorities of the Boys' Industrial school here, according to information becoming public. The parole was sanctioned by the state board of administration, which met here to investigate the whipping.

Cleveland.—Nine dead and 32 injured hunters mark the results of the 20 days of rabbit hunting in Ohio, which has just closed. This record exceeds by two the total fatalities in 1911.

Youngstown.—Mrs. George D. Wick, widow of the millionaire steel manufacturer who went down on the Titanic, has been invited to join a committee of survivors of the ship in making a settlement of damages with the White Star company.

Columbus.—Ohio corn boys, winners of the corn growing contests of the past summer under the direction of the state board of agriculture, are to be given a rousing reception at Washington when they swoop down on the nation's capital. Approximately 250 Ohio boys will make the trip to Washington on the Ohio corn boys' special train, which leaves here Dec. 16. Congress will pause for a moment to assist in honoring the boys who are helping to teach their state and nation how to be more prosperous.

Marion.—Thomas Roberts, state's witness in the murder case against William De Haven, charged with killing Simon Glatthart, a wealthy farmer, near Caledonia August 31, told a graphic story of the crime in the crowded court room. He said De Haven, after a quarrel, shot Glatthart, and only desisted from killing him on his solemn promise to remain silent.

Sandusky.—The vintage of 1912 has marked the end of the government's four-year investigation here of the Lake Erie grape belt. As the result of his experts' work, Uncle Sam is confidently expected to tell the world that the Ohio grapes contain essentials for wines which even the famed vineyards of Europe cannot excel.

Dayton.—For committing burglary and stealing 31 cents, Ber Vincent, negro, was sent to the penitentiary for 20 years. This is his fourth prison term.

Kenton.—"I've been shot," cried Mrs. John McGinnis, 42, as she staggered into her home where her husband and three sons were seated at supper. The identity of her assailant has not been established. Returning to her home, ten miles southwest of here, from her mother's house, shortly after dark, she was fired upon while passing a lonely spot and was so seriously injured that death is probable.

Cleveland.—Search by telegraph that reached from coast to coast and back again, flashing from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Antwerp and Watertown, N. Y., brought out the identity of the woman who killed herself by poison while sitting on a bench in Wade park in this city. She was Mrs. O. N. Kleppel, 38, whose home is in Antwerp, N. Y., and who had lived for years with her husband in California.

New Philadelphia.—Sherman Bartholomew was found guilty of manslaughter in common pleas court for the slaying of Frank Fantini, an Italian, at Roswell, on the night of Sept. 22. Bartholomew nearly broke down when the verdict was read. He was indicted for second degree murder but pleaded self-defense and had expected acquittal. He will be sentenced by Judge Healea on Dec. 6.

Columbus.—State Treasurer-elect John P. Brennan has just announced that present state treasurer, D. S. Creamer, has accepted the position of cashier under the incoming administration.

Bellefontaine.—Mrs. Harriet Kephart Campbell, the mother of five newspaper editors, died at Ripley, O., her home, in her 100th year. Her husband also was an editor.

Mineral City.—With three dead, doctors think they have entirely checked an odd epidemic in this village, which for a few days threatened to reach alarming proportions. The disease resembled membranous croup, but affected adults as well as children, although the older persons attacked did not succumb to the disease, the fatalities being among young children.

Oberlin.—Ralph Griffith, 19, and Howard Thompson, 17, are under arrest in the county jail at Elyria on a charge of having for two months conducted a systematic looking of girls' boarding houses here. Dozens of co-eds of Oberlin college have been victims. Money, jewelry and watches have been taken. The total loss will aggregate \$350 or \$400.

Greenville.—Fred Amspaugh, former county commissioner, pleaded guilty to 13 indictments of misdemeanor and misconduct in office. He was fined \$5 and costs in each of the 13 cases, or a total of \$250. Harvey Manning, contractor, pleaded guilty of misdemeanor and was fined \$25 and costs. William Hayes, former janitor of the court house, pleaded guilty to two charges of presenting false and fraudulent vouchers and was fined \$50 and costs in each case and given a ten-day jail sentence. He'll stand committed until fine and costs, a total of \$120, are paid.

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